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SUBJECT

Notes of the Rev. Commissioner relating to
his inspection in the affected ^{areas} ~~parts~~ of the
Kolar Dt. & etc.

Bangalore, 23rd April 1924.

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No. D.24 of 23-24.

From:

R. Chandu, Esquire, B.A.,

Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

To

H.V. Anantaraman, Esq., B.A.,
 Secretary to the Government of
 His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
 Revenue Department, Bangalore.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. D.24 of 23-24 dated 21st April 1924 forwarding the inspection notes of my tour in the Kolar District, I have the honour to state with reference to para 5 of my notes of inspection of the 13th instant in the matter of issuing instructions to Tumkur District for hurrying up with consolidation, I have come to know, since, from the Sub Division Officer, Gubbi Sub Division, that the consolidation work is being attended to in that District also as in Kolar.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

[Signature]
 Assistant Commissioner,
 or Revenue Commissioner,
 (absent from station).

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 Explained in person
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The previous file was subd to the
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 25/4/24. I have not seen that file
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Submitted to His Highness.

*I submit herewith, for His Highness' gracious
perusal, the notes of the Revenue Commissioner relating
to his inspection of the affected areas of the Polar
district during the month of April 1924.*

Camp Fern Hill,)

29th April 1924.)

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Notes of inspection of the Revenue Commissioner in
Mysore in the affected parts of Kolar District.

10th April 1924.

Malur Taluk.

Left Malur in the morning to Mylandahalli. ^{Saw} ~~Inspected~~ two wells in the Mylandahalli tank bed, one for Panchamas and another gokatte - the former being the work undertaken by -- Government. Then went to Lingenahalli. Inspected a gokatte and a well that are being dug by a Road contractor Beerappa for the public. He wanted some help from the Government for the revetment of the well. As the "Bechirak" village would become habitable if water facilities are given, the Deputy Commissioner promised to address the President, District Board, to provide some funds for the purpose. Thence to Kudenur. Inspected the Panchayat village. The Kudenur tank maintenance work has just been completed at a cost of Rs.400/-. The Amildar has been asked to take up the chickigalur tank restoration work which it is learnt, is in the sanctioned list. A few persons in this village asked for small loans and the Amildar was asked to take up their applications and dispose them of quickly.

Then passed through Jodi Turuglur and reached Santihalli. Inspected the Panchayet village. There is a big colony of Panchamas in the village and I am told that the Patel is providing them with labour on private irrigation wells that are sunk by him. The gokatte work at a cost of Rs.90/- has just been completed. Thence went to Nidaghatta. The whole of this hamlet is populated by Bedars and Holeyars and I found that the male members had all gone out for work. A gokatte work at a cost of Rs.45/- is also in progress in this hamlet. As all these persons are living solely by labour and are very poor, the -- Deputy Commissioner was asked to take up the maintenance work

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of the unrestored tank near the village if it is found essential, after obtaining sanction of Government as a special case. This seems necessary in view of the fact that the work on which these persons are ^{living} going will soon be completed. Thence went to Tirumalahatti. Inspected the tank. The repairs to this costing about Rs.2,000/- have been completed before December last. One family of Bedars was found to be living on prickly pear fruits and were consequently in a bad condition. Gratuitous relief of one seer of ragi per day was ordered. Then went to Aurnahosahalli. The ranchamas of this place along with some poor ryots were ^{referred} ascertained to have gone for work at Huldénahalli tank which is only a mile distant from this place. Thence to Huldénahalli. Inspected the tank maintenance work which is in progress. The workmen demanded a reduction of task work as the ground was very hard and the lead was also great due to the height of the bund. It is necessary to reduce the task to 5 cubic yards a rupee to enable the adult males to earn about 4 annas a day. The task now works out to only $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 annas as far as can be made out. The Engineering Department is not giving as clear instructions as in Tumkur. It is best to tell the contractor as in Tumkur the exact length, breadth and height of 1 and 2 ft pits and mark length and breadth in one or two cases. Thence went to Kavalgirjenahalli, via Banahalli and Jodi Gopasandra. Then proceeded to Tyakal.

Returned to Malur in the evening by train.

General.-

Area affected.- The affected area is well over 2/3rds of the Taluk and comprises 276 villages out of a total of 374 villages of the Taluk. The population of the affected area may roughly be taken as 48,000.

Rainfall.-

	<u>Malur.</u>	<u>Lakkur.</u>	<u>Narasapur.</u>
December 1923.	...	12 cents.	...
January 1924.	20 cents.	...	...
February 1924.	...	...	...
March 1924.	...	...	...
April 1924.	20 cents.	10 cents.	58 cents.

It is only by about the end of March, there were a few small showers. These have not till now given any supply of water.

Works.- Examined the Register of Works maintained in the Taluk Office. The entries, regarding the waiving of ryots' contribution according to Revenue Commissioner's sanction, have not been noted. These should be filled up early. It is found from the register that up to the present date, 40 temporary wells and 33 gokattes costing Rs.3,834/- have been sanctioned. Of these, 16 are completed and the rest are in progress. Besides these, 8 temporary wells works are also progressing and sanction for the same is yet awaited.

Tank maintenance.- Tank maintenance works in the under mentioned cases have been sanctioned up to date costing Rs.5,827 and the progress is shown against each work. The men are paid on task system and the rates vary from 6 to 8 yards a rupee.

1. Audenur	Nasba Hobli.	Completed (Earthwork).
2. Bodshivara	- do -	Not completed.
3. Murandahalli	- do -	Completed.
4. Madivala	- do -	—
5. Lakkur	Lakkur Hobli.	Not completed.
6. Naragur	- do -	- do -
7. Thammihalli	Narasapur Hobli.	Completed.
8. Sivarpatna.	- do -	Not completed.
9. Muldenahalli	Tyakal Hobli.	- do -

In several places, where works are going on, complaints are being made that due to the advance of summer and the consequent hardening of the soil, the rates viz., 7^{to 8} cubic yards per rupee are very low and do not afford an adequate return to labourers. A rate of 5 to 6 cubic yards a rupee is necessary. The Deputy Commissioner told me that he has also addressed the Executive Engineer in the matter. There is also delay in payment of money to the contractors which works as a hardship on the people who go for work, since the contractor will not always

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for action

be in funds.

Loans.- It was stated that 294 loan applications have been received since the commencement of distress, that 167 of them have been disposed of (including those which have been cancelled or rejected) and that 127 applications for a sum of Rs.16,375/- are pending disposal in the Taluk Office. Out of the total expenditure of Rs.6,000/-, a sum of Rs.1,045 has been given towards subsistence loans and interest has been charged at the usual rates on these grants also. The other items of expenditure are given below:-

1. For sinking of irrigation wells.	Rs.4,655.
2. For bullocks. ...	200.
3. For Land Improvement. ...	100.

Gratuitous relief is given in the taluk to three persons named below:-

1. Vajar Siddachari,	Goldsmith, Lakkur.
2. Syed Abdulla,	Mohamadan, Sivarpatna.
3. Eeari, -	Bedar, Sivarpatna.

Imprest.- The Amildar holds an imprest of Rs.500 which is being utilised in advancing on works viz., village Improvement, Temporary Wells, Gokattes and small works started for relief of distress. He also pays out of this amount expenses incurred for gratuitous relief which is recouped by the Amildar from time to time on detailed contingent bills. An examination of this Imprest Register shows that he has a balance of a sum of Rs.53-7-4 on hand on this date.

The total advances made till now on several works amount to Rs.446-8-8. A separate register showing the steps taken for the recovery of advances made appears necessary to give immediate information on expenditure incurred.

Establishment.- There is a temporary Sheikdar for looking after distress work and a temporary clerk to do the office work ~~in this~~ devolving on the Amildar in connection with distress work in this Taluk.

Fodder.- A Fodder Depot was opened in Malur on 26th -

March

March 1924, and 119 bundles of 71 pounds on average of Malnad hay was received. Of this 58 bundles have been sold at Rs.1-2-0 per bundle and there is still some stock left. There does not seem to be much demand for the Malnad hay, and it is understood that people are bringing in ragi straw from Hosur and other places for the use of their cattle.

Irrigation wells.- During the season commencing from -- November 1923, over 500 private irrigation wells have been sunk without Government help and 60 wells in addition have also been sunk with the help of Takavi loans. The sinking of so many wells has greatly eased the situation. This Taluk has several villages in which conditions are likely to become bad, if the Mungar rains are not copious, and some villages where work would be necessary even after the Mungar rains. The bad areas require frequent inspection by Revenue Officers.

K. L. Naudy

Revenue Commissioner.

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Notes of inspection of the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore
in the affected parts of the Kolar District.

11th April 1924.

Left Malur in the morning via Podkadathur. This village has got a large number of good Mangalore tiled houses and -- appeared ^{to be} in a prosperous condition. It is understood that potatoe cultivation is extensively taken up in the village due to facility afforded by irrigation wells. The Amildar was asked to make a study of the economic condition of a few ryots of the village some years ago and now, and submit a note. Then went to Sivarapatna. Inspected the tank, the maintenance work of which has been taken up. There were 51 persons at work. People from Kootandahalli, Muiagadahalli, Ramanahalli and Agrahara are also working. Many Mohamedan Gosha females were also found at work, and on enquiry, it was ascertained that the hard conditions of the season compelled them to give up gosha for a livelihood. Since this area is badly affected, and as the work now taken up will perhaps be completed in about a month, it is necessary that the feeder channel work should also be taken up. It is understood that an estimate for this work is ready in the Public Works Department and this should be got sanctioned. Gratuitous relief was ordered to be given to an old woman who was very infirm. A temporary well for Holeyars ^{who} also ordered, as their well is now drying up. The Amildar was asked to take up this work very early. The condition of the cattle was found to be bad. It was learnt that people applied for small loans for the purchase of malnad hay from the Depot at Malur. The Amildar was asked to entertain all such applications sympathetically and grant the small loans applied for. Hence to Narainaikanahalli. The people of this village as also of Atchana-halli represented that they wanted a well very badly. There is a great demand for loans in these two villages, and the Amildar was directed to visit the villages and receive the applications

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and dispose of them then and there. Marinaikanahalli tank restoration work will also have to be taken up, as there is great demand for labour and as there is no other maintenance work near about which could be taken up proposals should be sent in time. Hence visited the Jodi Krishnapura village; went to Uddapanahalli, where tank maintenance work at a cost of Rs.300/ was going on.

The tank maintenance work both at Bivarapatna and Uddapanahalli is being done by the Public Works Department on contract system. The contractors in both these places were not aware of the rates at which they would receive money for work from the Department. The contractors however are paying wages at 4 and 3 annas to males and females respectively per day. It is seen from this that the return to them will not be quite adequate, as, on taking measurements of some pits, it was found that 12 persons have completed 12 cubic yards of work in two days. The task work should be reduced and the rate of earthwork should be brought down to about 5 cubic yards a rupee, so that the workmen and their dependants may get a living wage. I have asked the Chief Engineer to instruct the Executive Engineer accordingly, ^{as} but/in this District the contract system is prevalent, it is the duty of the Revenue Department to ensure that the difference between the sanctioned rate and rate charged to the workers is only just sufficient to meet supervision charges and cost of consolidation. It is a matter ~~of~~ for satisfaction that consolidation work is going on simultaneously in this District under the contract system, so that when the rains fall, the loss would be less than in Tumkur. At Uddapanahalli, people from Lakshmisagara, Bellur and Krishnapura were found to be working.

Hence proceeded to Narasapura through Bellur; saw the tank of Narasapur; people asked for remission of assessment; but were told this is not possible.

Then passed by Mendatti, Madivala, Arabikotnur, Cheluvan-

halli

Cheluvanhalli and Chenchadenhalli. A village improvement work was in progress here at a cost of Rs.61/- and several men and women were working at it. It is stated that the temporary well work of the ranchamas is going on. About 4 private irrigation wells are going on in this village. One of these appears to be a very big well, as the estimated cost of the same is said to be Rs.2,000/-. Some persons appeared to be in urgent need of loans. The Amildar should be instructed to halt in the village, receive the applications and complete the records forthwith. Cheluvanhalli and Chunchedenhalli people wanted the restoration of their tanks as they have already paid their contribution. The reference is said to be pending with the Public Works Department. As this area is affected and there are no maintenance works, the restoration works have to be taken up in time. The Deputy Commissioner said that the Executive Engineer was holding up even sanctioned restoration estimates on account of difficulty in consolidation. He may be requested to have wells sunk within the sanctioned estimate, and go on with the urgently required works.

In the afternoon, left Nolar and inspected the Redehalli Satanakere which is in the most neglected condition imaginable. This seems to be an unrestored tank. It is desirable that the restoration of this tank be taken up early, as it will give considerable relief and provide labour to the persons of Sugatur hobli which is badly affected. Thence went to Jannaghatta. Inspected the Ranchayet village and enquired into the condition of labourers. Visited the houses of the ranchamas and found their condition to be satisfactory. People in this area are stated to have had 6 to 8 annas ragi crop. Inspected the Jannaghatta tank, the maintenance work of which has been taken up to provide labour to persons living in Sugatur and in the neighbouring villages which are some of the most affected villages in the Taluk. Though there is no need for work in the Jannaghatta

village

viliage itself, yet, as there was no other work available near about Sugatur, this work has been taken up. As this is a shandy day, only one family, one male, wife, daughter and child were working. They are earning only about 8 annas daily, by task work; but I was told that other males earn 4 annas. The contractor should be asked to reduce the task for this family. Inspected some of the private irrigation well works that were going on.

Returned to Kolar via Muduvadi tank bed.

Note.- Seasonal conditions in Kolar Taluk etc., are noted in the taluk inspection notes.

K. Gandy

Revenue Commissioner.

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Notes of Inspection of the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore
of the Kolar District.

13th April 1924.

Bowringpet.
Lakkepally.
Hamsandra.
Hakamadagu
tank.
Nadimpalli.
Mongarhalli.
Vattigal.
Kolar.

Left Kolar for inspecting portions of the affected area
in the Bowringpet Taluk.

Out of 321 villages, 60 villages with an area of 55 miles
and a population of about 12,000 are affected. On account of
the proximity of the fields, and as the Amildar Mr. Dharma Rao
is both energetic and sympathetic, conditions in this taluk
are well in hand.

From December last the rainfall is 24 cents in Bowringpet
Station, 60 cents in Bethmangala, and 1,7 inches in Champion.

122 temporary wells estimated at Rs.4,401 were sanctioned
and 57 completed, costing Rs.1,458. 7 village Improvement
Works costing Rs.580 were sanctioned and 4 completed for Rs.179.
8 District Board wells have also been sanctioned for which one
is completed. I am glad to note that this Amildar has been
anticipating sanction in urgent cases.

10 Tank Maintenance works and one restoration work have
been sanctioned and 4 taken up. The amount spent up to date
is only Rs.295; but the work done is much greater. From en-
quiries made I find that it might be necessary to keep these
works open till the weeding or even harvesting season i.e. till
August or ~~even~~ September, for local labour, and only afterwards
completed by professional labour, if necessary, as work will
have to be found for some persons till then. Orders of Govern-
ment will be sought in the matter. As consolidation is going
on simultaneously with earthwork in the tanks inspected, there
seems to be no harm in allowing this, but instructions have to
issue to Tumkur District to hurry up with consolidation. The
Chief Engineer is being requested to do what he considers need-

needful in the matter. A sum of Rs.5,165 has been sanctioned for irrigation wells, and Rs.320 for Takavi Loans. 52 such wells have been sunk with Government aid and over 100 without. All the quantities of hay supplied have all been sold, and a further indent may be made.

The following tank works were inspected:-

Akakamadugu tank restoration and Nadampalli, Kongrahalli and Vittigal maintenance. Akakamadugu tank restoration - Estimate Rs.3,000. This is done by a Public Works contractor who pays 4 and 3 annas for males and females. Just below for a private irrigation well, the rates are 6 annas and 3 annas. I had recommended this work being given to local men who have paid Rs.800 contribution; but this was not done. Nadampalli maintenance - Estimate Rs.420/-. The work is nearly completed. I find by measuring pits that males were earning less than 4 annas; but as the work is nearly over nothing need be done. For Kongrahalli (Rs.350) the Executive Engineer should be requested to see that the task for the labourers is not more than 6 cubic yards so that 4 annas might be got. In Vittigal the contractor is paid one rupee for 5 1/3 yards which includes his cost of supervision, and breaking clods and consolidation. The pits are paid by him at 7 yards a rupee. By measuring some pits, it was found that 8 males and 2 females dug 14 yards by working for 1 1/3 day and 8 males and 3 females dug 13 yards by working for 1 1/2 days. These rates work at less than 4 annas. The contractor, who is a local man, should be asked to reduce the task to 6 cubic yards; and his rate also increased, if possible.

H. S. S. S.

Revenue Commissioner.

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Notes of Inspection of the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore
of the affected parts of the Kolar District.

14th April 1924.

Muslahalli.- Left Kolar in the morning to Muslahalli.
The ryots of this village wanted the restoration of their tank
and were willing to pay contribution. It was further stated
that this work would afford relief to persons who are in need
of labour. This should be investigated and early action taken.

Vemagal.- Then went to Vemagal. Met the people. The
conditions in this village seem to be normal.

Maliappanahalli.- Inspected the Maliappanahalli village.
There was a good number of hay stacks and the conditions here
do not appear to be bad. It is learnt that the Maliappana-
halli tank maintenance work has been taken up to relieve dis-
tress in the neighbouring villages, from which persons are com-
ing for work. The maintenance work costs Rs.100/- and it is
going on for about a month. There were about 20 persons at
work when I visited the place and it is executed under contract
system. The contractor gets $3\frac{1}{2}$ annas per cubic yard, while
the rate he gives to workmen is 7 cubic yards a rupee. One
pit was measured at which 9 coolies were at work yesterday; it
was $12\frac{1}{2}$ cubic yards and the workmen received Rs.1-2-0 which
works out to $3\frac{1}{2}$ annas for the male and 3 annas for the female.
Another pit was similarly measured and it also worked out as
above. The contractor should be made to reduce his rate to
 $6\frac{1}{2}$ cubic yards, so that the cooly to the males may not be less
than 4 annas.

The normal Public Works Department rate appears to be 4
cubic yards a rupee, but this has been reduced to 5 cubic yards
on the present work.

Raghupathi Agrahara.- Inspected the tank. There seems

to

to have been good rain here a couple of days ago and the tank has received some supply of water.

Mylasandra.- Inspected the tank maintenance work that is in progress. There were about 25 persons at work, and it has been given out on contract system to the local Shanbhogue at 3 annas per square yard; but he is taking work from the labourers at 8 cubic yards a rupee. The ground is soft owing to the recent rain which has also given a small supply of water to the tank. The estimated cost of the whole work is Rs.856/-, and it will last for another fortnight. Measurements of certain pits were taken. One pit measuring 14 cubic yards was completed by 2 men and 8 women in one day for which they received Rs.1-12-0. The cooly to each male member works out at less than 4 annas and to females at less than 3 annas. The contractor should be made to reduce the task to 7 cubic yards, as he has good margin of profit. The system is not satisfactory, so far as wages earned by the labourers is concerned.

Chennasandra.- Inspected the panchayat village. Conditions seem to be fairly normal. This is a village where there was an agitation for doing away with the panchayat.

Beechaganahalli.- Inspected the village. Conditions appear to be normal. The people here prayed for the restoration of the tank and undertook to pay contribution at the rate of Rs.50/- per acre of existing wet lands and Rs.100/- per acre of dry land that might be converted into wet. The total contribution might come to Rs.2,500/-. The question needs early investigation.

The people of the marginally noted villages met me on the

Vyjakur.) road. The conditions on this side are
Jodi Hosahalli.)
Thalagavara.) fairly normal, except that in some of
Konganhalli.)
Aeramachanahalli.) these places, there is water scarcity.

A well to the Holeyars of Thalagavara and another well to the ryots at Konganhalli is necessary.

Arrived

Arrived at Chintamani at 11 A.M.

Siddepalli.- In the afternoon, left Chintamani for Siddepalli. Conditions are not bad.

Mugalamari.- Inspected the tank maintenance work that has been taken up for this area. The work is done on contract system and the contractor is given Rs.0-2-9 per cubic yard, while he takes work from the people at 7 cubic yards for a rupee. The contractor himself intimated that he is paying on an average 4 annas to the males and 3 annas to the females. If this is really the case, he will have hardly any profit from his contract. It appears that he has been assured some commission by the Public Works Department people. The estimated cost of this work is Rs.303/-. This work will be completed soon and I understand that Aiapalli tank maintenance work will be taken up after this work is closed. It will only be a mile further away from this work and will serve the affected villages quite well. The attendance, however, at Mugalamari tank maintenance work was poor. This was ascertained to be due to some private irrigation well works that are going on in the neighbourhood at which cooly at 8 annas to males and 6 annas to females is stated to be paid.

The Holeyars of Mugalamari complained against the high handedness of the Tangedi Bark contractor who is stated to be ~~thinking of~~ taking them away by force and paying them a two anna wage per head. The Deputy Commissioner informed me that he has taken action to prevent such ill treatment in future.

Returned to Chintamani in the evening.

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General conditions.-- Only 11 villa

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more is not quite satisfactory. It is on
tion of the kasaba hobli bordering on Brinia
Taluks, south and south-eastern portion of
a few villages on the south of Chintamani-Chel
ted. Drinking water difficulty is felt in abo
murugamala and kasaba hoblis and also in a portio
and Ambajidrug hoblis.

Rainfall.--

<u>Month.</u>		<u>Talagavara.</u>	<u>Iragampalli.</u>	<u>C</u>
January	1924	...	...	
February	1924	...	...	
March	1924	...	...	
April	1924	...	35 cents.	9

Temporary and permanent wells.-- 59 temporary wells h
been taken up at a cost of Rs.2,531, of which 14 wells at a
of Rs.560 have been completed, 32 well works at a cost of
Rs.1,112-14-0 are under progress, 5 well works at a cost of Rs.
have been taken up in anticipation of sanction and 8 well works
a cost of Rs.306 have not been started yet.

Two permanent well works at a cost of Rs.817 are under pro-
gress.

Distress works.-- 7 tank maintenance and feeder channel works
at a cost of Rs.3,266 were taken up of which 3 works costing
Rs.1,064 have been completed, while three works, viz., Mugalamari
tank maintenance, Maniganahalli tank maintenance and Muddalapalli
tank maintenance are in progress. All these three works are in
murugamala hobli. One work, viz., Murubur tank maintenance which
was started to meet the distress situation of the northern por-
tion of the Kolar Taluk bordering on Chintamani is not progressing
as persons are not coming in for work, thereby showing that the
conditions

conditions are not as bad as they were supposed. The total number of persons employed on these works up to 10th April 1924 is 2,207.

Loans.- An amount of Rs.8,455/- has been sanctioned and an amount of Rs.6,845 has been disbursed up to date. The allotment for the Taluk has been exceeded in the hope of fresh sanction. A sum of Rs.6,130/- has been given for irrigation wells alone and Rs.160/- as subsistence loans. In the case of subsistence loans interest at the usual rate has been charged. There are 95 applications for an amount of Rs.24,205 pending, and it looks necessary that a further allotment of at least an amount of Rs.10,000/- is given to meet the urgent demand.

gratuitous relief is given only to one person, a Panchama by caste living in Nimmakayalahalli.

Fodder Depots.- A fodder depot has recently been opened at Chintamani which supplies mainad hay to persons who are in need of it. Out of 151 bundles that were received in the Taluk, 62 have been sold out. Aloe demonstration has also been started.

Permanent Advance.- As regards the permanent advance given to the Amildar in connection with Distress, the Amildar has utilised the whole amount towards payment of advances on work and there is no balance on hand. The procedure prescribed by the Comptroller as regards the recoupment of advances has not been followed up in the Taluk. It would be better if an Auditor from the Comptroller's Office is sent to audit the accounts and give detailed instructions in the matter. Vouchers for advances made to parties are however regularly filed in the Taluk Offices.

Establishment.- There is only one distress clerk entertained in the Taluk to look after the distress work.

K. Quady
Revenue Commissioner.

Notes of inspection of the Revenue Commissioner in
Mysore in the affected parts of Kolar District.

15th April 1924.

Rathapalli.- Left Chintamani for Rathapalli. People of Rathapalli met me near Alamgiri and represented their difficulty as regards education and asked for a grant-in-aid school. The Deputy Commissioner is requested to address the Education Department in the matter. Private vakkari works are ascertained to be going on in Alamgiri, Joai Thimmasandra and Thoopalli villages and about 200 persons are said to be employed on a daily wage of 4 annas. These works are said to have been undertaken by one Adike Veerappa of Srinivasapur Town for giving labour at a cost of about Rs.2,000/-.

Hallur.- People met me near this village and represented their difficulty for fodder. They were asked to take fodder either from Srinivasapur or Chintamani, where malnad hay has been stocked. Some families are stated to be in need of labour and it was stated that the gokatte work in their village would meet the needs. As this will be a useful work both for men and cattle it may be taken up. A case of gratuitous relief to one Muniakka of Dodamaladoddi was also sanctioned.

Arikere.- Proceeded via Srinivasapur to Arikere. The Arikere tank work which costed Rs.700/- had been taken up as relief work about two months and a half ago, but Mr. Madhava Rao, Assistant Engineer, seems to have rushed through the work with imported labour until he was stopped. It has again been taken up and only work up to Rs.100/- is now remaining.

Yeldur.- Inspected the Panchayat village. A temporary well that had been taken up for Madigas could not be completed, due to the nature of the soil, as sides seem to have collapsed. As there is considerable difficulty to these persons for water, another well was attempted. A temporary well provided for

Notes of inspection of the Revenue Commissioner in
Mysore in the affected parts of Mysore District.

1881-1882

1881-1882. - People met me near this village and represented
their difficulty for fodder. They were asked to take fodder
either from private or public sources, there being no need of Government
aid. Some families are stated to be in need of fodder and
it was stated that the cattle work in their village would meet
the needs. As this will be a matter of some time for men and
cattle it may be taken up. A case of spontaneous relief is
one instance of spontaneous relief was also mentioned.

1881-1882. - Proceeded via Mysore to Mysore. The
Mysore District which costed Rs. 700/- had been taken up as fodder
work about two months and a half ago, and Mr. Mathura Rao, Asst-
Comptroller seems to have rushed through the work with hurried
labor until he was stopped. It has since been taken up and only
cost Rs. 100/- is now remaining.

1881-1882. - Inspected the Mysore District. A temporary
well had been taken up for Mysore could not be completed,
due to the nature of the soil, as sides are to have collapsed.
As there is considerable difficulty for these persons for water
another well was suggested. A temporary well provided for
Mysore.

Holeyas was inspected. It has 6 feet of water. Lot rings should be provided, so as to prevent the sides from collapsing. Yeldur people desired for the restoration of Santhammanakere. The Deputy Commissioner was requested to investigate the matter and to take needful action. Inspected the vakkari work that is in progress at a cost of Rs.540/- half of which was sanctioned by the village Panchayat and the other half has been provided from Village Improvement Funds. Unless revetment is constructed on the southern and western sides the work will not be useful. It is necessary therefore to provide some more money from the Revenue Department to supplement the contribution from one Meda Sanjeevaiya who promised to undertake the stone work. The Deputy Commissioner is requested to see that necessary action is taken in the matter. This kind of work suits the people best; but it is impossible to find them in all places.

People of Seegehalli met me at Yeldur and desired for some work. A honda work in the tank bed may be taken up as proposed by the Amildar.

Inspected the Kodandarama Swami temple at Yeldur. The walls in are in need of some repairs, which should be attended to.

Hosahalli, Gummaraddipur.- Went to Gummaraddipur inspecting Hosahalli in the way. Gummaraddipur tank maintenance work is in progress at a cost of Rs.850/- and about Rs.50/- worth of work has been done till now. The contractor gets $3\frac{1}{2}$ annas per cubic yard, but he takes work from the people at 8 cubic yards a rupee. The Sub Overseer intimates that 4 males and 5 females do 10 cubic yards of work a day. At the rate at which work is taken from labourers, they would receive a wage of Rs. 1-4-0 which is very inadequate. If a pit measures $11\frac{1}{2}$ feet, it is only taken as 11 and even here the labourers are made to lose. Another pit measured 6 cubic yards and it was ascertained ~~and~~ that 4 men and 5 women worked at it yesterday for half a day and received only annas twelve. It is thus seen that the task has to be reduced to at least $6\frac{1}{2}$ cubic yards a rupee, as

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the lead is considerable, due to the height of the bund.

The Executive Engineer is stated to have reduced the rate to 3 annas at Nambihalli and Settihalli, where the tank bunds are stated to be higher than the present tank. The Deputy Commissioner should see if this is so and whether the wages are adequate.

The Chikpoor village panchamas came and asked for lands to be given to them free of upset price. Concessions contemplated in new rules, just issued, should be shown to them.

The feeder channel of Gummareddipur tank needs urgent improvement and the people also have made strong representation. After the completion of this Gummareddipur maintenance work, the feeder channel work may be taken up or a silt trap made.

The Amildar and the Sub Overseer were asked to go over here to-morrow and mark out pits of $6\frac{1}{2}$ cubic yards or of their multiples, so that people might work at them and get definite return at the rate now proposed by me, as any reduction of this rate would not give the people any adequate return.

Came back to Srinivasapur and returned to Chintamani at noon.

Note on the conditions prevailing in Srinivasapur Taluk.-

General conditions.- The total number of villages affected in the Taluk is 301 with a population of 55,000 out of a total number 341 villages with a population of 62,600; of these 114 are worse than the others, but of a total area of 325 sq. miles, nearly 228 sq. miles constitute the affected tract of which 101 sq. miles are bad. There have been recent rains in the taluk, particularly in Balasanur side, where it has given a supply of water to the cattle.

Rainfall.-

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Came back to Srirangapatna and returned to Chikmagalur at

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Note on the conditions prevailing in Srirangapatna and Chikmagalur.

General conditions. - The total number of villages affected in the taluk is 1201 with a population of 25,000 out of a total number of 311 villages with a population of 62,600. Of these 112 are worse than the others, and of a total area of 235 sq. miles, nearly 235 sq. miles constitute the affected tract of which 101 sq. miles are bad. There have been recent rains in the taluk, particularly in the Srirangapatna side, where it has given a supply of water to the cattle.

Summary.

Rainfall.-

<u>month.</u>	<u>Srinivasapur.</u>	<u>Todigol.</u>	<u>Pulagurkote.</u>	<u>Royalpad.</u>
January 1924.	-	-	-	-
February 1924.	-	-	-	-
March 1924.	-	-	-	0.15
April 1924.	1.5	-	1.2	0.2
up to date.				

Temporary and permanent wells.- 136 well works at a cost of Rs.5,937 have been taken up in this taluk of which 83 at a cost of Rs.3,817 have been completed, while the rest are under construction. 20 permanent well works at a cost of Rs.6,452/- were taken up by the District Board, of these 4 have been completed and 16 are under construction.

Village Improvement Works.- 9 village Improvement Works which consisted of Vokkaries and ponds for cattle and men were taken up at a cost of Rs.1,222; of which 4 are completed and 5 works are progressing.

Tank maintenance works.-

9 tank maintenance works at a cost of Rs.8,686/- were taken up in this taluk of which 2 works have been completed and the rest are stated to be now in progress. These works had been stopped, partly on account of private work in irrigation wells being available, and partly, I am afraid on account of low wages. The Amildar should investigate the rate of wages at each place and set the contractor to reduce the task.

Loans.- Out of an allotment of Rs.7,000/- sanctioned for this taluk, Rs.500/- have been ear-marked for artisans. Out of the remaining amount a sum of Rs.5,675/- has been sanctioned and Rs.5,000 has been ~~sanctioned~~ fully paid to the people. Out of the sanctioned amount a sum of Rs.5,175 has been sanctioned for the irrigation wells alone. There are 29 applications pending for a sum of Rs.5,820 and an amount of Rs.5,000 at least is necessary to meet urgent demands.

Impres.- Out of an allotment of Rs.500 sanctioned for Distress works, the Amildar has got only Rs.0-1-10 on hand. A consolidated bill for Rs.303-10-6 is stated to have been submitted

Month	Expenditure	Receipts	Balance
January 1934	-	-	-
February 1934	-	-	-
March 1934	-	-	-
April 1934	1.5	-	1.5
Up to date	-	-	-

Temporary and Permanent Wells. - 100 well works at a cost of Rs. 5,927 have been taken up in this town of which 60 at a cost of Rs. 3,817 have been completed, while the rest are under construction. 30 permanent well works at a cost of Rs. 6,417/- were taken up by the district board, of which 4 have been completed and 16 are under construction.

Village Improvement Works. - 9 village improvement works which consisted of boreholes and ponds for cattle and non water taken up at a cost of Rs. 1,822; of which 4 are completed and 5 works are progressing.

Land Reclamation Works. - 9 land reclamation works at a cost of Rs. 5,927/- were taken up in this town of which 3 works have been completed and the rest are stated to be now in progress. These works had been stopped, partly on account of private work in irrigation wells being available, and partly. I am afraid on account of low wages. The Auditor should investigate the rate of wages at each place and get the contractor to reduce the rate.

Canals. - One of an allotment of Rs. 7,000/- sanctioned for this town; Rs. 500/- have been earmarked for irrigation. One of the remaining amount of Rs. 6,500/- has been sanctioned and Rs. 5,000 has been sanctioned fully paid to the contractor. Out of the sanctioned amount of Rs. 5,000/- has been sanctioned for the irrigation works alone. There are 20 applications pending for a sum of Rs. 5,820 and an amount of Rs. 5,000 at least is necessary to meet urgent demands.

Canals. - Out of an allotment of Rs. 200 sanctioned for district works, the Auditor has got only Rs. 0-1-10 on hand. consolidated bill for Rs. 803-10-6 is stated to have been submitted.

submitted on 11th April 1924 and this amount, when passed will go towards the recoupment of advances. There is still an amount of Rs.70-13-8 outstanding and needs early adjustment. There is besides an amount of Rs.125-6-0 which has been paid to the contractors. subsequent to the submission of the consolidated bill and for which a detailed contingent bill will shortly be submitted. The vouchers obtained for payment of advances to several persons have carefully been filed in the Taluk Office.

Establishment. Only one clerk on Rs.25/- has been entertained in this taluk from 9th February 1924.

Fodder Depot.- A fodder depot has been opened in Srinivaspur from 23rd March 1924 and 88 bundles of mainrad hay were received of which only 33 bundles have been sold out at a cost of Rs.33-3-10.

Private Irrigation Wells.- The estimated number of private irrigation well works under progress comes up to 204 at a cost of over Rs.20,000/- and about 500 persons are estimated to get employment on these works.

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The Amildar, ~~in the~~ has the situation in his taluk well in hand.

General.- The Deputy Commissioner and the Sub Division Officer were with me during the tour. The Deputy Commissioner has been touring in the affected parts; and has been working *shenunely* in distress matters. As rainfall has been scanty in some of the affected taluks, the situation is yet one of anxiety, and a full programme of works has to be got ready. As under -- government Orders wages at the public Works are fixed by Executive Engineer, ~~and~~ Revenue Officers have to inspect such works frequently and by actual measurements see if wages are adequate and notice whether labourers are deteriorating in condition.

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several persons have carefully been filed in the main office.

Establishment. - One clerk on Rs. 20/- has been engaged.

It is in this table from 9th January 1934.

Order Book. - The Order Book has been opened in the main office.

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received of which only 72 bundles have been sold out at a cost of
Rs. 22-8-10.

Private Irrigation Sells. - The estimated number of private

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of over Rs. 20,000/- and about 700 persons are expected to be
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The Amildar, in regard to the irrigation is also doing well

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